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1. Construction of the airfield at Palanga (N 55-55, E 21-04) was started by the Soviets during winter 1944-45, as soon as they had reoccupied the area. Every night for about two weeks large quantities of pierced steel plates arrived by truck from Svetoji (N 56-02, E 21-04), and gasoline was brought during the day. The pierced steel plates were approximately 40 centimeters wide and 4 meters long, with holes about 4 centimeters in diameter, and hooks on both sides of the plates.
2. The airfield was bordered by two roads. To the north of the airfield was a small wooded area. During the war some aircraft were parked beyond this wooded area. On 1 June 1952 no aircraft were parked there.
3. The southern limit of the airfield was approximately one-and-one-half kilometers from a glade which had been paved by the Germans during the war. Nearby were some concrete mixers which the Soviets had used in 1941 to mix cement for building bunkers. When the Germans occupied the area during World War II they filled in the partially completed bunkers.
4. Approximately 10 one-story wooden barracks and mess rooms, several bunkers, and a workshop were located across the road east of the field.
5. In January 1952 aircraft landed and took off in the middle of the field, but it was not possible to see whether there was a runway, since walking on the airfield was not permitted. No jet aircraft were observed. However, single-engine aircraft which were bigger at the nose and tail than the Messerschmitt 109, and the PO-2 which was being used for training purposes. Officers stationed in Svetoji were overheard speaking of the TU-2.

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6. In January 1952 the airfield was operated by the navy and all personnel were naval uniforms. No officers, only enlisted men, were seen at the barracks.
7. Many kinds of trucks were observed on the other side of the road east of the airfield in January 1952. There were rake-like objects turning horizontally six to ten meters above the closed trucks. Other trucks had masts approximately six to seven meters above the ground.
8. There was no railroad line to Palanga, the nearest being at Svetoji, approximately five kilometers from the airfield at Palanga.
9. There were no other airfields at Palanga.

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